Professional training to police forces

1025. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to inefficiency and lack of professional training in tackling terrorist activities resulted in death of two persons in the encounter in Jamia Nagar including one inspector;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan with Government to impart professional training to the police forces to combat terrorism in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) It is not correct to say that inefficiency and lack of professional training in tackling terrorist activities resulted in death of two persons in the encounter in Jamia Nagar including one inspector. The team was professionally competent and well trained. The training of a Police force is continuous process. Training to combat terrorism is the part of basic, promotional and specialized training courses for various ranks of the Delhi Police.

Minor girls and women sexually assaulted in Rajasthan

†1026. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor girls and women sexually assaulted in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of guilty persons arrested or punished in such cases;

(c) the number of cases in which the guilty have not been arrested so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The number of minor girls sexually assaulted in the Rajasthan during 2005, 2006 and 2007 are 366, 460 and 501 respectively, Similarly number of Women sexually assaulted in Rajasthan during the Year 2005, 2006 and 2007 are 1393, 1415 and 1375 respectively. The number of guilty persons arrested in such cases during the year 2005, 2006 and 2007 are 2045, 2104 and 2129 respectively. Similarly, number of guilty persons punished during the Years 2005, 2006 and 2007 are 247, 209 and 99 respectively. The number of cases in which guilty persons have not been arrested during the years 2005, 2006 2007 and 4, 9 and 20 respectively.

Implementation of laws regarding construction workers

1027. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the present status of the implementation of Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996; and

(b) whether all construction workers in the country are covered by Provident Fund Act, ESI Act and Gratuity Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 are being implemented in the States of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Arunchal Pradesh, Puducherry, West Bengal and Tripura. Rest of the States/Union Territories are in the process of framing of Rules and constitution of Welfare Boards.

(b) No, Sir. Only establishments having 20 or more employees engaged in building and construction industry are covered under the employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is applicable to any establishment including construction industry, having 10 or more persons. Further, construction workers are not coverable under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.

PF accounts for workers employed by contractors of ONGC

1028. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers employed by the contractors on behalf of various ONGC assets in the State of Gujarat situated at Mehsana, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Ankleshwar and Cambay are not getting up-to-date and correct information about their PF accounts from concerned authorities;

(b) if so, the details of all contractors engaged by the ONGC at the above places and against whom proceedings under Section 7-A has been initiated by the Regional PF Commissioners in Gujarat; and

(c) the details regarding amount collected on accounts of efforts made by the PF Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Account slips showing the opening balance at the beginning of the period, amount contributed during the year, the total amount of interest credited at the end of the period or debited in the period and the closing balance at the end of the period are issued to the contract employees by the respective Provident Fund offices in respect of independently covered contractors.

(b) Proceedings under Section 7-A of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 have been initiated against the following contractors of ONGC:-

(i) Industrial security services (GJ/50395).